

III. REMARKS

The Claims

Applicant respectfully submits this Amendment After Allowance pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 to correct a few formal grammatical matters in several claims. Support for the amendments is found in the allowed claims. For example, claim 55 is amended at lines 3 and 7 to render it consistent with line 8 of that claim. Claim 55 is also amended at line 6 to render it consistent with line 3 of that claim. Claims 33, 34, 36, 38, 40 and 41 are amended to render them consistent with claim 55. Claim 49 is amended for consistency with claim 48, from which claim 49 depends. Claim 52 is amended at line 3 to render it consistent with line 2 of that claim.

These amendments do not introduce new issues into the claims, and do not require additional search or examination because the claim amendments correct formal matters.

Substance Of Telephone Interview

On December 19, 2005, Applicant's undersigned counsel discussed with Mr. Hendricks, the Examiner, the amendments of claim 55 as set forth herein. Mr. Hendricks confirmed that such amendments would be entered into the record. Since almost all of the remaining amendments are consistent with the amendment of claim 55, and the remaining amendments are directed to formal matters, which to not raise new issues, Applicant submits they also must be entered into the record.

Request for Entry

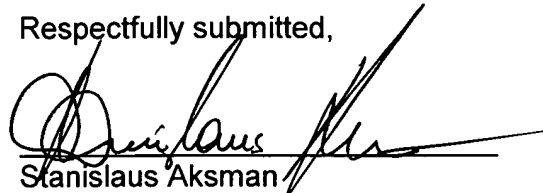
This Amendment is filed with the payment of the Issue Fee, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.312. For all the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully requests that this Amendment be considered and entered into the record prior to issuance.

If any issues are outstanding, Applicant would appreciate a telephone call to the undersigned counsel to resolve such issues in an expeditious manner.

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Applicant believes that no fee is due upon the filing of this Amendment after Allowance. If any fees are found to be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct such fees from the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,



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